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## ***ALLIUM ACUMINATUM***

### **TAPERTIP ONION**

Tapertip Onion is a perennial with stems 10-30 cm high, arising from solitary or clustered, nearly globose bulbs with brown, honeycombed coats. 2-several long leaves, u-shaped in cross-section and 1-3 mm wide, arise from near the base of the stem. Several pink to rose-colored flowers are borne on stalks, 10-30 mm long, in a hemispherical inflorescence subtended by 2 papery, lance-shaped bracts. Each flower has 3 spreading, petal-like outer tepals that are 8-17 mm long, 3 shorter, sharp-pointed inner tepals, and 6 stamens, which are shorter than the tepals. Flowering May-June.

*ALLIUM ACUMINATUM* can be distinguished from most other species by having the combination of rose-colored outer tepals that are longer than the inner tepals, and more than 2 concave leaves. The more common *A. BREVISTYLUM* also has rose-colored tepals, but its leaves are usually more than 4 mm wide.